

**REMARKS**

By the foregoing amendment to the specification, antecedent basis has been provided for reference numbers 22, 23 and 30. Concurrently with this Amendment, applicants are submitting proposed changes to Figure 4 inserting reference numerals 20 and 22 at the location specified in the specification with respect to the description of Figure 4. No new matter is added. Accordingly, entry of the amendments and drawings corrections are respectfully requested.

In the claims, rejected claims 7-12, 14, 16, 24 and 28 have been cancelled leaving allowed claims 1-6 and new dependent claim 13 as the remaining claims in the application. Claim 13 is amended to depend from claim 1, a claim already deemed allowable.

On April 18, 2006, applicants filed a response to the final rejection canceling claims 7-14, 16, 24 and 28 which were finally rejected and leaving claims 1-6 which were allowed. Applicants respectfully submit that this Amendment should have been entered and a Notice of Allowance issued for the subject reissue application.

The Examiner's grounds for refusing to enter the Amendment is that the cancellation of rejected claims leaving only the allowed claims raises new issues purportedly the issue of whether or not the reissue application is defective because there is no more error in the application for correction by reissue. Applicants respectfully submit that this is not the case since claim 1 was amended to correct an error that resulted in claim 1 claiming less than applicant had a right to claim. Specifically, claim 1 was amended by replacing the word "the" in the third to last line of the claim with the word "a" so that the claim reads, in pertinent part:

wherein the plastic frame element extends beyond a plane of the metal cover so that a plastic perimeter service is exposed, thereby facilitating bonding of the two covers."

By replacing the word “the” with the article “a” the limitation was removed from claim 1 that caused the claim to claim less than the applicants’ had a right to claim. The error was acknowledged in applicants’ inventors Declaration and Power of Attorney. Attached, for the Examiner’s convenience, is a copy of the reissue application inventors’ Declaration and Power of Attorney of James Farquhar. The Examiner’s attention is directed to the following numbered paragraphs of the Declaration which indicates that applicants considered the amendment to claim 1 necessary to correct an error in the original claim resulting in the claim claiming less than applicants had a right to claim.

5. I believe that there is an error in the patent by reason of my claiming less than I had a right, as one of the patentees, to claim in the patent. I believe the original patent to be partly invalid or inoperative because, erroneously, the patent does not include claims such as the newly amended Claim 1 . . . .

7. . . . I am informed that, accordingly, it has been determined that amended original Claim 1 and the newly submitted claims, which are listed in Attachment A hereto, and which do not include certain limitations in the original claim, should be patentable over the prior art, and, therefore, the present reissue application is being filed.

8. When I signed the oath submitted with U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 92,012, I did not appreciate that I was entitled to claims such as newly amended Claim 1 . . . .

9. Specifically, Applicants were and are entitled to claims having a breadth as set forth in newly amended Claim 1 . . . .

It is, therefore, clear that one of the errors intended to be corrected by the reissue application was by the amendment to claim 1 and the error in claim 1 requiring this

amendment supports the reissue application notwithstanding the cancellation of claims 7-12, 14, 16, 24 and 28.

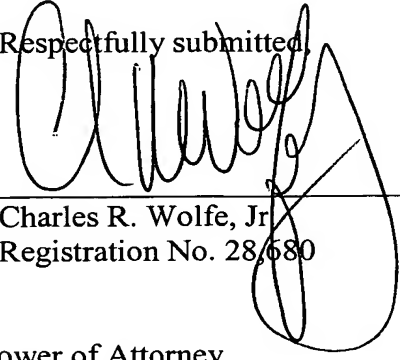
Moreover, by presenting claim 13, now depending from claim 1, a further error in the scope of claim coverage is corrected.

Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to withdraw his refusal to enter applicants' response filed April 18, 2006, enter the amendments to the claims, drawings and specification presented in this Second Amendment After Final Rejection and issue a Notice of Allowance for the subject reissue application.

If any questions remain that can be addressed through a telephone communication, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Please charge any shortage of fees, or credit any overpayment thereof, to BLANK ROME LLP, Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (115576.00154). In the event that a petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted herewith and in the event that a separate petition does not accompany this Amendment or is insufficient to render this Amendment timely, the applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fee due is authorized above.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Attachments --

Amended FIG. 4 (Replacement Sheet)

Copy of James Farquhar's Declaration and Power of Attorney

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